

the Bridge plank so urgent that I could not consent to take it—  
 pray dispatch her with the plank time enough to get here by  
 the last day of the Month if possible. the old Bridge is in such  
 condition that people on the other side are afraid to bring their  
 produce over it to market by which means the town suffers  
 & besides I have reason to believe that advantage will be taken  
 of my failure if it is not compleated by the appointed day—  
 [2] Some of the Casks which contain Flaxseed I wish to have  
 returned if it can be done with convenience as in making up  
 Pork I shall want them—having no Barrels—I have not one  
 empty Cask left—Of Flaxseed I have )  
 no More—

Yours &c.

THO. BLOUNT

I have committed to the care of Cap<sup>t</sup>. Knox a rifle for Maj<sup>r</sup>.  
 Blount & I beg his pardon for not sending her 3 months ago—  
 his Mare is in fine order & I am anxious to convey her to him  
 (having myself no use for her) but cannot spare a hand of any  
 sort to send with her—He shall have her by first opportunity—  
 perhaps Col. Thomas whom I daily expect here will be in want  
 of a Nag to ride down—if so I shall let him take her—

T. B —

12 BU Pak Toole  
 10 Clements

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*Richard Dobbs Spaight<sup>t220</sup> to John Gray Blount*

NEW BERN 19<sup>th</sup>. December 1790

Dear Sir,

As I shall be under the disagreeable necessity of quitting the  
 Continent again this Winter and taking refuge in some of the  
 West India Islands, I propose going to the Island of S<sup>te</sup>. Cruz  
 [or St. Croix], it being perfectly neutral—the french are in  
 too great disturbances—and the British in case of a Spanish  
 war would not be agreeable to a Man in my condition—I under-  
 stand that you trade a great deal to S<sup>te</sup>. Cruz, and of course  
 have correspondents on that Island—you will oblige me much

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<sup>220</sup>For sketch of Spaight see *The John Gray Blount Papers*, I, page 528n. 7.